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For: <b>Optical Modulation Converter and Method</b>	)	
<b>for Converting the Modulation Format of</b>	)	
<b>an Optical Signal</b>	)	
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Attorney Docket No. 5577-021	)	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

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Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated below.